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HORCHER RECALL UPDATE: THE ELECTION IS NOW.

Editor's note: There's just 1 day left before the May 16th recall election of Assemblyman Paul Horcher(I-Diamond Bar). Here's our final update & analysis...

...If Paul Horcher and his Demos allies pull this off, it would have to be considered one of the biggest political upsets of all time. Most insiders (as well as the polling data) agree that a YES vote on the recall is likely and that either Diamond Bar Councilman Gary Miller or community college trustee Barbara Stone will replace Horcher as the next GOP member of the State Assembly from the 60th A.D. Insiders say it's a toss up as to which one wins...

...**Turnout** will be much heavier than just an average special election. Some sources predict a 35-40% turnout (high), while others think 30% (low) is more likely. CALPEEK leans toward the high side because of the heavy volume of **absentee ballots** requested and already cast. As of May 8, there were 42,154 requests and 23,785 AV ballots already cast. In addition, pro-recall forces say this contest will see the biggest GOTV effort by the Republican Party in the past 25 years --- and sources are predicting the Demos will be competitive, matching GOP effort body for body, donut for donut. The GOP effort is called **Ground Zero**...

...There is some paranoia on the part of the GOP, but CALPEEK sources think it is unlikely Speaker Willie Brown will at the last minute urge Demos in the 60th A.D. to cast ballots for young Andy Ramirez, who ran against Horcher in '94...

...As for the big battle between Stone & Miller, Miller will end up spending much more money (\$150,000 in the last week), but Stone pumped in some of her own money and her campaign says she'll be competitive. She ended up getting the BEST endorsement in the

60th A.D. - U.S. Rep. David Dreier of West Covina. His name counts and along with State Sen. Dick Mountjoy, Stone has a solid 1-2 endorsement punch...

...SIDE BAR: On May 9th, GOP Assemblywoman Doris Allen announced her candidacy for Speaker, thus challenging current GOP Leader Jim Brulte. The big question is whether Doris has any support in the GOP Caucus? Some think she does and if she can make a deal with Willie, Ms. Allen could end up with all the marbles. Remember, it takes 41 votes. Stay tuned...

ASSESSING GOV. PETE WILSON'S PRESIDENTIAL BID.

Editor's note: Despite all the negative fallout from this latest development concerning **maid-gate**, some CALPEEK sources think Gov. Pete Wilson has a *fair* shot at winning the GOP presidential nomination. Here is our mid-Spring analysis...

...A CALPEEK source (not connected with Wilson or any other GOP presidential type) calls Wilson's game plan the **35% Solution**. We think this scenario has some merit and here's the way it works. Most sources think that at least 30-40% of all the GOP voters in primary/caucus States are moderates on social issues --- like Wilson. The presence of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas has moved the GOP presidential primary to the political right, pulling U.S. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas along and away from the political center. This could leave a big bloc of moderate voters up for grabs. Thus with a crowded field and a sizable warchest, 35% may be enough for Wilson to win some key primaries...

...But to get the 35%, Wilson has to get **lucky**. First, he has to clear the field of other moderates --- that means U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana. Lugar's not really a moderate, but he's got such a nice-guy image that lots of folks think of him that way. Of the two, Specter is

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the bigger threat because he can raise money and like Wilson, he's pro-choice. Second, Wilson has to hope that Gramm and others beat up on front-runner Dole, but not enough to drive him out. Third, Wilson has to show some strength after Iowa and NH, perhaps in the Midwest --- Ohio or Michigan. It is probably too late in Illinois, because Gov. Jim Edgar(R) recently endorsed Dole --- a big disappointment for Wilson...

...As for the key elements in a presidential bid, there's good news and bad. Wilson has put together a good team of savvy consultants who seem to work well together. And his fundraising is off to a good start. The bad news is that coming out of the starting gate he *stumbled* with this early May story about the hiring of an illegal alien housekeeper some 16 years ago when he was Mayor of San Diego and married to Betty, his former wife. Had Wilson not been such an illegal immigrant basher and ardent supporter of Prop. 187, this might have been a 2-day story at best. We should note that hiring an illegal immigrant wasn't against the law back then, but Wilson and his ex do owe back social security taxes...

...The story ran for 4-5 days in Calif. and editorial writers, political cartoonists and columnists had a field day. The S.F. Chron's cartoonist, Tom Meyer, had a May 5th cartoon of Pete carrying a "No Illegal Immigrants" banner, with a maid standing to Wilson's right, saying, "I finished polishing your jackboots, Señor Wilson." Ohhhh. Some sources think this story has legs, especially here and in DC, while others disagree. Bottomline: the story, which has not ended as yet, makes Wilson look like a **hypocrite**. But more important for Wilson and his campaign team, they're trying to find out who leaked the story to the Washington Post. (Calif. dailies really got scooped)...

...FYI: a few years ago Wilson vetoed a bill to legalize a gun known as the Thompson Contender. This is a single-shot gun used to kill snakes & rodents. Sources tell CALPEEK Wilson may be having second thoughts about the Contender. Why? Guess where the Contender is made? If you said New Hampshire, you win a prize. In fact, the Thompson Arms Center is one of NH's larger employers. Do you think Pete Wilson's veto will be an issue? Bet your first born. Stay tuned...

CALIF. INITIATIVE SCHEDULE: DEADLINE DATES.

Editor's note: The following is a list of all the initiatives which are currently in circulation and the deadlines for submitting petitions for verification of signatures. Constitutional amendments(C/A) require 692,711 valid signatures, while statutes(S) require 432,945 signatures. However, to make the March 26, 1996 ballot, the Sec. of State's office is asking initiative proponents to submit petitions by Sept. 8 (for random sample verification)...

<u>Title(abbreviated)</u>	<u>Statute or C/A</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
School Vouchers	C/A	3/16/95
Death Penalty Appeals	C/A	6/29/95
Amend U.S. Const.	S	6/29/95
Attys. Contingency Fees	S	8/11/95
No Fault Auto Insurance	S	9/11/95
Shareholder Actions	S	9/25/95

...SOS Bill Jones has given the ok to the Alliance to Revitalize Calif. (310)451-2522 to begin collecting signatures for the third of their 3 initiatives planned for the 1996 ballot. The official title of this third initiative is "**Attorneys Fees. Shareholder Actions. Class Actions.**" It is a statute and the deadline for collecting signatures is Sept. 25, 1995. Among its provisions, this measure would require the losing party to pay the winning party's attorneys fees and expenses in shareholder actions against corporations and class actions based on securities law violations. Stay tuned...

ROSS JOHNSON WINS 35th S.D. SPECIAL ELECTION

You didn't need to be rocket scientist to know that GOP Assemblyman Ross Johnson(R-Irvine or Fullerton --- take your choice) would mash Demo rival Madeline Arakelian in this May 9th election to replace Marian Bergeson(R) in the 35th Senate District. Ross got 71.48% (32,462) - just under 20,000 more votes than Arakelian. Turnout was a miserable 11.40%...

WOMEN FOR WANT TO KNOW ABOUT JURY SYSTEM.

Loyola Law School prof. Laurie Levinson and USC Law School prof. Erwin Chemerinsky (media analysts who comment regularly on the O.J. Simpson murder trial), will head a panel discussion sponsored by *Women For* called, "Justice or Injustice: Does the Jury System Work?" 7:30 p.m., May 23, University Synagogue, West L.A. The meeting is open to the public. For info ☎ (310)657-7411...

A CDP BROUHAHA OR MUCH ADO OVER NOTHING??

Editor's note: On or about 4/15 an anonymous person mailed a 10-page document to CDP Chair Bill Press, alleging what the memo said were "financial abuses" and questions of "credibility claims" on the part of the CDP's executive director, Susan Henderson. This memo was sent not only to Press, but to all Statewide elected Demos, the Demo Legislative Leadership, to the 21 CDP Regional Directors and even to the White House. Here is CALPEEK's report & analysis...

...This memo, which many CDP sources think is sour grapes by a CDP staffer or ex staffer with access to party records, probably would not have been written if the CDP were in better financial shape and hadn't been forced to layoff a large part of its staff. The CDP's debt is about \$1 million (according to Press) and in the past 2 months as many as 10 staffers have been laid off, fired or have moved on to other better paying jobs...

...The writer of this unsigned memo asks Press, "With this large encumbrance of debt, why is Ms. Henderson being compensated approximately to the following figures?" According to this memo, Henderson is getting a monthly salary of \$8,000 (other sources, including Press, say her salary has been \$6,500 since 2/95); plus she stays rent free in an apartment paid for by the CDP when in L.A.; and she gets \$650 per month for a rental car (she has her own car, but it is in Oakland). Several sources think Henderson's compensation is appropriate, but obviously not the unknown memo writer...

...But perhaps more troubling is the 1st quarter Wells Fargo Bank report on the CDP's Mastercard expenses, which was part of the 10-page package mailed to CALPEEK from L.A. in an envelope with no return address. We think the memo we received was a copy of the original memo mailed in mid-April. The Mastercard report shows Henderson racked up \$12,000 in expenses for the quarter, many of which are legit, but some items purchased (at Donna Karan, Geoffrey Beene, Loehmann's) appear more personal than CDP related. Press agrees and says this practice will stop and Henderson has or will reimburse the CDP for the personal items. P.S. We should note that many corporations allow employees to charge personal items on the company credit card, if they are reimbursed...

...In a 5/2/95 response memo to all the same people who got the unsigned memo, Press says "that at Susan's

request" he's ordered an outside auditor to conduct a full review of the CDP's books. And Press told CALPEEK he'll make the audit public and that he takes the allegations seriously, which is why the CDP is conducting a complete investigation of all charges. The Press memo also says, "I certainly hope this (the unsigned memo) is not a personal attack based on the success of a strong, powerful, committed African-American woman."...

...On May 10, Henderson hired attorney Peter D. Kelly, himself a former CDP chair & executive director. Kelly told CALPEEK the allegations against Henderson are "totally without merit and an outrageous attempt to smear her reputation by a disgruntled employee. This law firm will do everything in its power to protect her reputation." Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX.

Editor's note: Here's another update on who's IN and who's OUT for House & Legislative races in 1996...

☒ **36th C.D.** - A decision by a House Oversight subcommittee has given Susan Brooks(R) more time to document allegations that her '94 election loss to U.S. Rep. Jane Harman(D) was caused by massive voter fraud. The 2-1 decision was denounced by Democratic House leaders, who said the subcommittee ignored all of the criteria for such challenges. If the Brooks challenge holds up, there will be lots of *red faces* at the L.A. Co. Registrar's office. And no telling how this latest twist will impact the '96 race. Brooks is expected to have lots of company in the March '96 GOP primary, including ex GOP controller candidate John Morris; Dr. Irwin Savodnik, who started to run in '94, but was kicked off the ballot because he had not been a registered Republican for a year as is required by law; and perhaps businessman Ron Florence, who ran against Brooks in the '94 primary; and businessman Jeff Earle. Earle is a maybe...

☒ **27th S.D.** - GOP State senate candidate Frank Colonna has hired Dresner, Wickers & Assoc. to run his '96 campaign...

☒ **3rd S.D.** - Add the name of former S.F. Mayor Art Agnos(D) to the list of people who are looking at this seat now held by Milton Marks(D-S.F.), who is *termed out* in '96. Also looking is Demo Assemblyman John Burton and activist Joe Nation...

LINCOLN CLUB HOSTS ASSEMBLYWOMAN BOLAND.

The San Gabriel Valley chpt. of the CA Lincoln Club will host Assemblywoman Paula Boland, soon-to-be Assemblyman Bob Margett and former Assemblyman Tom McClintock, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, May 19, Industry Hills Sheraton. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Sheila McNichols at (818)249-4205...

PRSA & WIPA TO HOST L.A. DEP. MAYOR KEELEY.

The L.A. chpt. of PRSA and Women In Public Affairs (WIPA) will host a reception for L.A. City Deputy Mayor Michael Keeley, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., May 23, office of Kaufman & Broad, West L.A. For info and RSVPs, ☎ Melissa Anderson at WMA (310) 496-2257...

FULL METAL JACKET: MORE POLITICS & PERMITS.

Editor's note: Efforts to enact or reform laws which allow *law abiding citizens* to carry concealed weapons (CCW) continues across the U.S., despite or because of the Oklahoma City tragedy. Here's our update...

...AB 638 by Pete Knight(R-Palmdale) has been temporarily blocked, but remains a *cause celebre* with gunners and the right wing of the GOP. Knight's bill, in its present form, faces some tough opposition because his bill says that anyone who is not a felon or mental case can get a CCW permit. The key problem for AB 638 is a thing called *good cause*. In other words, give the police a good reason why you need to carry a concealed weapon. There was a move to put the good cause wording from a defeated CCW bill by State Sen. Bill Leonard(R-Upland) into Knight's bill, but it didn't happen...

...Another solution was to draft a separate bill that clearly defines *good cause*, but doesn't mandate absolute issuance of a CCW permit. And that's just what freshman GOP Assemblyman Tom Woods of Shasta did, but his witnesses didn't show for a key policy cmt. hearing, so AB 1233 must wait a year. Lots of red faces...

...But in terms of presidential politics, the bill that which has national impact is AB 53 by Willard Murray(D-Paramount), one of the few lawmakers who knows how to work a gun bill. This bill gives the State (not local cops) the authority to issue CCW permits to PIs and bodyguards. GOP Assemblyman Larry Bowler, an ex Sacto Co. deputy sheriff, convinced Demos

on the Public Safety Cmt. to vote YES and that's why this bill got out of committee. AB 53's next test comes before the Assembly Appropriations Cmt. on May 17...

...Why is this bill important? Thank you U.S. Senators Dole & Gramm. Both have dumped on Gov. Pete Wilson for his non-support of AB 53. Wilson hasn't been the gun lobby's best friend and some sources say Wilson needs to sign at least one good gun bill to cover his bases with the right. He has been told by his GOP supporters in the Legislature that either AB 53 becomes law or he's in deep political trouble. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- L.A.-based Cerrell Associates, Inc., has hired Kathleen A. Ashby as a Sr. AE and Kristina Schake as an AE. Ashby was an independent PR consultant, while Schake comes to CAI from Edelman PR...
- A sad note: L.A. attorney Richard Hernandez, 54, died May 6 of a heart attack. He was an L.A. Co. Housing Commissioner and was very active in GOP-Hispanic politics. He was the ceo of the Legacy Group, a political & business consulting firm. R.I.P...
- The CDP's ex press secretary, Mike Monasmith, has joined the L.A. office of State Controller Kathleen Connell(D) as communications director...
- The RNC has named William I. Greener III as convention mgr. for the '96 GOP's national convention in San Diego...
- Sacto-based Stoorza, Ziegaus, Metzger & Hunt has announced that Julie Horan has returned to the firm as director of communications. She had been PI director at the San Juan Unified School District. Also hired by SZM&H is Sidonie Squier...
- Off to Burson-Marsteller PR in Sacto is long time Stoorza hand Sharon Hawkins...
- The Legal Corps of Los Angeles has named L.A. attorney Cynthia McClain-Hill as its president...